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GOOD BROTHER, *Lincoln, &c.* 816. m. 22.

THE Brief which His Majesty has been pleased to grant, for the Relief of the poor *Episcopal Reformed Churches*, beyond Sea; gives such a full account of the distressed Estate to which they have been reduced, and of the fatal consequences that will attend their present Wants, if not speedily, and effectually supplied; as far surpasses any Arguments that could have been offered to excite your Care, and the Charity of your People, for the succouring of them.

You there see how the once flourishing Churches of *Bohemia*, driven thence by the persecutions of their Enemies into the *Greater Poland*, and *Polish Prussia*, have by War and Pestilence, by Fire and Sword, by Cold and Hunger, by all the Miseries that can befall a wretched People, been ruined and laid waste: Their *Metropolitcal Church*, and *University*, reduced to ashes; their *Pastors* destroyed; their *Schools of Education* deprived of their Masters and Instructors; in a word, their *Congregations* reduced from *seventy* to *fifteen*; and those *fifteen* ready to sink after the rest, if not timely supplied by your Bounty and Liberality.

You are told by what a terrible Invasion the Protestants of *Transylvania* have in like manner lost their Churches, and University in the Town of *Enyed*; and thereby been deprived of more than *one hundred Professors, Masters, and Fellows*, of that famous *University*; besides about *three hundred Scholars*, supported and maintained out of the yearly revenue of that Foundation: And how by these means they must want the necessary supply of two hundred Ministers, who were wont to be bred in, and furnished from, this great Seminary of Piety and Learning, unless this College and University be again restored.

THESE Protestant Churches, as they were originally founded by the Disciples of our *Wickleffe*, so have they all along continued the same *Episcopal Government* among them, which has been so happily preserved by us: By reason whereof they seem to come the most nearly to our own Constitution of any of the Reformed Churches in *Europe*. And therefore we should the rather esteem our selves concern'd in the Preservation of them; but especially at a time when our common Enemies are so busy, if it were possible, to root out both them and us, from off the face of the Earth.

If there be therefore any Consolation in Christ, if any comfort of Love, if any Bowels and Mercy; If you have indeed any regard to that Communion of Saints, which in your Creeds you profess to believe; if any Gratitude to God for our own wonderful Preservation; if any Concern for our distressed and suffering Brethren, who have fallen under those Calamities which we have hitherto happily escaped: Let all these considerations move you, and your Congregation, to contribute freely, and bounteously, to the Needs of these poor Protestants now recommended to your Charity. And may the God of Mercy and Compassion reward your Work, and Labour of Love, a hundred fold into your Bosom now, in this present time; and remember it to your eternal Reward in the Great Day of Account. I am,

GOOD BROTHER,

Westminster,
July 10. 1716,

Your very affectionate Friend,

and Brother in Christ,

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Good Brothers

— HIS Majesty's Gracious Brief, and the foregoing Copy of his Grace

For this reason I heartily recommend to you, to give a serious Atten-

GOOD BROTHER.

Your ever affectionate Brother

Very Affectionate Brother,
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and Servant in Christ Jesus.

Good Brothers.

Yours affectionate friend,

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